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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Raikes, what is your general feeling about what the Legislature is doing with this proposal?

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, I don't support this proposal, I think maybe for a couple, three reasons. If you'll bear with me,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...I'll try to...one is that...a point I tried to make with my discussion with Senator Landis. I firmly believe that the Legislature needs to have authority to use those lottery funds as it sees fit. Now, there's a statute in place that directs it now to the education and to the environment. I think that's fine, but I think it's critically important that that remain statutory. If in fact it was believed that the State Fair ought to receive some of that money, I'm in favor of a bill that would say as much, a change in statute that would say as much. I think it is very dangerous, on the other hand, to go the route of a constitutional amendment. A constitutional amendment is not needed. There's nothing now in the constitution about either education or innovation...or environment, excuse me, so you can...you can do that with statute. So, in effect, what you're doing with this is using the election process to conduct an opinion poll, and an opinion poll which may not only yield results about opinion but may, in fact, impose something in the constitution that is going to be a considerable burden, or could be a considerable burden, for the Legislature. If you look, for example, at the proposal that the Appropriations Committee and the Governor are supporting to deal with our current financial situation, that proposal deals with directing money from both the education side of the lottery money and the environment to deal with immediate needs...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...of the Legislature. I think it's critically important that that prerogative of the Legislature, if you will, be preserved.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Raikes. And one voice of